

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

MEETING MINUTES

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

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Convene Meeting

I. Call to Order– Chair Cicero, 6:10 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk, (left meeting 8:03 PM); Claudine Pande, Theresa Donovan, Lee Kissinger

Members absent: Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chair; Paul McFadden

Others present: James H. Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration; Marie Ahern, Curriculum Director; Abigail Borges, Student Representative (arrived 6:50 PM, left meeting 7:13 PM)

MSV - To go into Executive Session in accordance with 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s) and 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice – Zuercher/Kissinger and voted as follows:

Teri Cicero	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION 42-46-4 and 42-46-5

A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)

B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers' Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice

C. 42-46-5 (a)(1) – Personnel

MSV – To reconvene to Open Session at 6:45 PM – Kissinger/Zuercher – (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 6:50 PM

Regular Meeting – 6:50 PM

III. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session

Clerk Zuercher reports (on March 11, 2014) the committee voted in Executive Session to sustain the grievance. The committee vote was as follows:

Teri Cicero	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE
Theresa Donovan	AYE

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. District Mission Statement

The Jr. High School Jazz Band offered a brief performance.

VI. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

Council 94 President Maureen Abarr read a prepared statement regarding personnel letters that were issued on March 5. She requested that the committee work to keep the three teacher assistant positions recommended for layoff in place, especially for the remainder of the school year.

VII. Recognitions/Achievements

A. 2013-2014 RI (Gatorade) Girls Soccer Player of the Year

Senior High School student Kara Shaw was honored for her outstanding achievement of being named as the 2013 – 2014 Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

B. Andrew Wallace – NELMS Master in the Middle Award for New England

Junior High School teacher Andrew Wallace was honored for his exceptional accomplishment of winning the prestigious NELMS (New England League of Middle Schools) Master in the Middle Award for New England.

VIII. Presentations

A. Student Representative Report

Abigail Borges offered a listing of Senior High School events.

MSV – To move up on the agenda the Consent Agenda – Zuercher/Pande
– (5-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda and requested to pull item B. 1. c. from the consent agenda.

IX. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – (ENCLOSED) – Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2014

B. Personnel Items

1. Appointments – (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

- a. **Daniel Greene as Head Sr. High Boys Volleyball Coach, Stipend \$4,287 effective for the 2013 – 2014 season**
- b. **Christopher LeBlanc as Head Jr. High Baseball Coach, Stipend \$3,182; effective for the 2013 – 2014 season, pending all mandatory District paperwork**
- c. ***Item Pulled***
- d. **Nicole Pichette as Assistant/JV Sr. High Softball Coach, Stipend \$3,000; effective for the 2013 – 2014 season**
- e. **Kimberly Swanson as Jr. High Softball Coach, Stipend Amount \$3,182; effective for the 2013 -2014 season**
- f. **Kim Warrington as Head Sr. High Softball Coach, Stipend Amount \$4,427; effective for the 2013 – 2014 season, pending all mandatory District paperwork**

2. Leaves of Absence

3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)

- a. **Letter from Daniel Greene resigning his position as Assistant Sr. High Boys Volleyball Coach, effective March 12, 2014, contingent on his appointment as Head Sr. High Boys Volleyball Coach, effective March 12, 2014**
- b. **Letter from Amy Hutchinson resigning her position as Assistant Sr. High Boys Outdoor Track and Field Coach**

4. Non-Renewals/Layoffs – (ENCLOSED) – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)

- a. **Please see *Council-94 Layoffs, effective March 20, 2014***

5. Recalls

6. Sabbaticals

7. Contracts

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$292,933.90

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the consent agenda – Kissinger/Donovan – (5-0) –
MOTION APPROVED

Chair Cicero advised that the motion would need to be amended to
exclude item B. 1. c., which was pulled from the consent agenda.

Member Kissinger amended the motion.

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda, less B. 1. c., which was pulled
from the agenda this evening – Kissinger/Donovan – (5-0) – MOTION
APPROVED

**E. Correspondence – (1) 8/28/13 – 2/28/14 and 9/1/12 – 2/28/13
Discipline Reports; (2) April 14, 2014 All-Day Referenda Timeline**

Student Representative Borges left the meeting, (7:13 PM).

Returned to item VIII. B.

VIII. Presentations

B. Jr. High School Presentation

Clerk Zuercher left the meeting, (8:03 PM).

Returned to item F

F. 2013 – 2014 Budget Projection

G. 2014 – 2015 Budget

H. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)

- 1. Policy Subcommittee**
- 2. IT Subcommittee**
- 3. Public Relations Subcommittee**
- 4. Charter Review Subcommittee**

I. Monthly Status Reports

- 1. Superintendent**
- 2. Curriculum**
- 3. Business**
- 4. Special Education**
- 5. Maintenance**
- 6. Technology**

X. New Business

A. Request to Fund New England Tech IT Intern

MSV – To accept the recommendation for the intern – Kissinger/Pande –
(4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XI. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Italy Foreign Exchange Program Proposal

Item tabled pending additional information

B. Grade 12 NECAP Retake Results – Update

C. Capital Projects

MSV – To authorize expending up to \$145,498.00, which is left over in the capital reserve, to start working on security and safety improvements that are needed in the district – Kissinger/Pande – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

XII. Reports/Comments

XIII. Important Dates and Meetings –Tuesday, March 25, 2014-School Committee Meeting-Metcalf School Presentation – (*Meeting at Metcalf School*); Monday, March 31, 2014-Public Hearing @ 7:PM; Tuesday, April 8, 2014-School Committee Meeting-Sr. High School Presentation; Monday, April 14, 2014-All Day Referendum; Monday, April 14, 2014-Special School Committee Meeting-(8:30PM); Tuesday, April 22, 2014-School Committee Meeting

Superintendent Erinakes proposed and members concurred to possibly cancel the April 22, 2014 School Committee meeting, which falls during April vacation, *if* that meeting agenda is light.

XIV. Adjournment

MSV – To adjourn – Pande/Donovan – (4-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**